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NOMINATION OF EWAN CLAGUE (OF PENNSYLVANIA) TO BE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR STATISTICS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (REAPPOINTMENT)

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1959

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met in executive session, pursuant to call, at 10:37 a.m., in room 4232, New Senate Office Building, Senator Lister Hill (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senators Hill (presiding), Murray, McNamara, Morse, Yarborough, Clark, Randolph, and Williams of New Jersey.

Committee staff members present: Stewart E. McClure, chief clerk; John S. Forsythe, general counsel; William G. Reidy, Ralph Dungan, Frederick R. Blackwell, and Samuel V. Merrick, professional staff members; Michael Bernstein, minority counsel; Raymond D. Hurley and G. F. Randolph, minority professional staff members.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will kindly come to order.

We are happy to have with us this morning Mr. Ewan Clague, whose nomination to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor for a term of 4 years is now before the committee.

I might say that Mr. Clague has been before this committee before. He was nominated for this very post in 1955 and came up before the committee. We had a very worthwhile session with him. The committee reported his nomination favorably and, of course, he was confirmed.

Now, Mr. Clague, we will be happy to have you make any brief statement you see fit with reference to your knowledge, experience, and qualifications for this position.

STATEMENT OF EWAN CLAGUE, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR STATISTICS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mr. CLAGUE. Mr. Chairman, I might say that this is the fourth time I have been before this committee since I was first appointed in 1946 as Commissioner of Labor Statistics at that time and again in 1950 and, as you indicated, Mr. Chairman, again in 1955.

I might also say to the committee that I came into Government service as a civil servant, appointed from a register by the Social Security Board, and I was a career civil servant at the time I was first appointed as Commissioner.

I think I will just have to say, as far as my qualifications are concerned, let the record speak for itself.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions, gentlemen?

Senator CLARK. Mr. Chairman, I note Mr. Clague is from the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, though it is my understanding he hasn't been there for years and years. I am very happy to move we confirm the nomination.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. There are no further questions.

Mr. Clague, we are certainly obliged to you for your appearance here this morning. Thank you very much.

Senator MORSE. I might say it is an excellent appointment. It shows that even a poor administration can't always make a mistake.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Clague. It was nice to have had you here.

The motion has been made by Senator Clark that the nomination be reported favorably to the Senate. Any discussion on the motion? If not, all in favor of the motion say aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

The CHAIRMAN. All opposed, nay.

(No response.)

The CHAIRMAN. The ayes have it. The nomination will be reported favorably to the Senate.

(Whereupon, at 10:40 a.m., the hearing was concluded.)

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